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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
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Secretary Mayorkas,

In light of your inability to answer my questions in today's hearing, I follow-up now with a formal request for information regarding the Advance Travel Authorization (ATA) process, the CBP One app, and their contribution to the immigration crisis. According to the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) website, DHS has developed the ATA to collect information from 'eligible' noncitizens who are requesting authorization to travel to the United States for a discretionary grant of parole.

Additionally, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) enacted the ATA as an alternative pathway for 'legal' migration. The creation of the CBP One mobile app served as an additional migration influx tool that misrepresents the actual immigration numbers on a monthly basis. In an article from *Breitbart.com,* it has been reported that migrant asylum entries have increased by 50% after implementing the new CBP One application.[1] According to House Committee on Homeland Security Chairman Mark E. Green, MD (R-TN):

"They had another month of 200,000 plus migrant [encounters]. And what's happened since Title 42 is he's using this **CBP One app** *to actually mask the numbers."*[2]

The intent behind this RFI is to determine the actual CBP statistics on migration that account for the roughly 30,000 monthly admissions via the ATA, and the roughly 40,000 monthly admissions via the CBP One application. By August 18, 2023, please provide my Office and the House Judiciary Committee with the following information:

(1) How many migrants were granted entry into the U.S. from January 1st, 2023, and July 15th, 2023, via the ATA and the CBP One app?
(2) How does DHS track those released on Parole or through the app?
    a) What is the plan for removal of parolees who overstay the 2-year program?
    b) Does the app track individuals admitted through the U.S. once they have entered the United States?
    c) What happens if an individual deletes the app following entry to the United States?
(3) What percentage of migrants who've entered the U.S. via ATA or CBP One application have committed or have been investigated for violent crimes or drug-related offenses, before, during or after their enrollment?
(4) How is information entered into the CBP One app by an applicant verified?
    a) Are individuals admitted through the CBP One app process run against any law enforcement databases?
    b) Are individuals admitted through the CBP One app required to have a face-to-face interview with DHS personnel at any point, and what is the average time of such appointments?
(5) Has the CBP in consultation with any Embassy, noticed or assessed any trend in fraudulent or counterfeit passports to attain entry into the U.S. via the ATA?
    a) If the CBP has not collected the data, please identify why.
    b) How many applicants through the CBP One app have entered the United States without any passport?
(6) What are the statistics of migrants who have been granted asylum via ATA and the CBP One App?
    a) Please provide the following demographic data on individuals utilizing the ATA or CBP One app and who have been admitted to the United States; specifically: country of origin, country of departure, length of stay, claimed grounds for admission, and time spent verifying their identity and intent prior to admission into the U.S.
    b) Please provide the separate demographic data for individuals who were denied entry to the United States.

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[1] https://www.breitbart.com/border/2023/07/02/migrant-asylum-entries-increased-by-50-percent-under-bidens-phone-app/
[2] Chairman Green on Fox News: Secretary Mayorkas is Using the CBP One App to Mask the Real Crisis at the Border - Committee on Homeland Security | Republicans (house.gov)

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c) Please provide information related to duplicate email address usage by applicants. Are any emails used more than once? What is   What is the largest number of applicants who have used a common email address, and what is the largest number of applicants admitted to the U.S. through the app that have used a common email address?

d) Does the Department collect data from applicants related to their extortion by Mexican cartels?

(7) Does the Department have any timeline for ending the use of the CBP One app?

(8) Why has the Department discontinued the use of the Laredo, Texas port of entry for CBP One appointments?

Please contact my Director of Military Affairs, Mr. Austin Bury at Austin.Bury@mail.house.gov for all correspondence regarding this matter. I appreciate your prompt response to this letter.

Sincerely,

Matt Gaetz
Member of Congress